

# **Nutrition Services Incentive Program**

## **1. What is the Nutrition Services Incentive Program?**

The Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) is administered by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) within the Department of Health and Human Services. ACL provides funding to State agencies, Territories, and Indian Tribal Organizations (collectively, State agencies) that is used exclusively to purchase food.

State agencies may choose to receive the funds as cash, USDA Foods, or a combination of cash and USDA Foods. USDA also donates bonus foods to NSIP when feasible.

## **2. What is the purpose of NSIP?**

NSIP is authorized under Section [311](#) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (OAA), as amended. The purpose of the OAA Nutrition Program, of which NSIP is part, is to:

- Reduce hunger and food insecurity;
- Promote socialization of older individuals; and
- Promote the health and well-being of older individuals and delay adverse health conditions through access to healthy meals, nutrition education, and nutrition counseling.

More information on the OAA can be found on the ACL website:

[http://www.aoa.gov/AoA\\_programs/HPW/Nutrition\\_Services/index.aspx](http://www.aoa.gov/AoA_programs/HPW/Nutrition_Services/index.aspx).

## **3. What USDA Foods are offered through NSIP?**

A list of USDA Foods offered to State agencies which administer NSIP can be found on the Food Distribution Programs website, located here: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/foods-expected-be-available>, under “Schools/Child Nutrition Programs”.

## **4. Who should I contact for more information about NSIP?**

For more information about NSIP, contact the State agency administering NSIP in your State. For more information, visit ACL’s website here: [http://www.aoa.gov/AoA\\_programs/HPW/Nutrition\\_Services/index.aspx](http://www.aoa.gov/AoA_programs/HPW/Nutrition_Services/index.aspx).

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